

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Increase During December

The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate continued to increase in December as it rose 0.3 tenths of a percentage point to 4.5 percent in the Fox Valley Workforce Delivery Area (WDA). This was up from 4.0 percent last December. The Appleton/Oshkosh/Neenah MSA and all of the counties within the region increased in their rates.

Green Lake and Waushara Counties had the largest percentage point increases in their rates over the month, each increasing 0.8 of a percentage point. The rate for Green Lake was 6.2 percent, the highest in the WDA and the rate for Waushara County was 6.0 percent. Fond du Lac County continued to have the lowest rate within the region at 4.3 percent. Green Lake, Waupaca and Waushara Counties were all above the statewide unadjusted average of 4.9 percent in December.

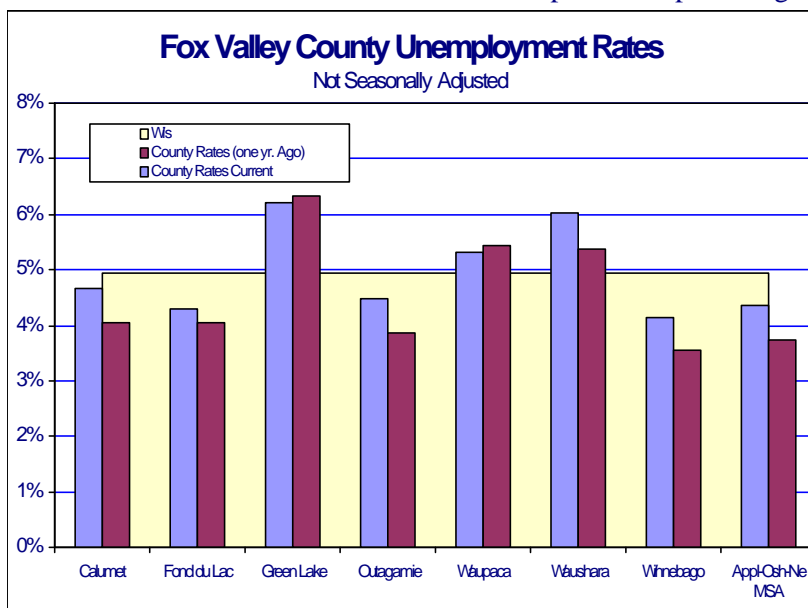
The climb in the unemployment rate is typical for December, although the rates have continued to spiral upward over the year in the region. Only two of the regions seven counties showed a decline in the monthly unemployment rates from the previous year. Those were Green Lake and Waupaca Counties, each with a decline of one percentage point from last year. In the largest area in the re-

gion, the Appleton/Oshkosh MSA the unemployment rate was up 0.6 of a percentage point from last year before seasonal adjustment.

This area represents approximately 70 percent of the labor force and jobs within the region.

The area's labor force decreased 500, while the number employed declined by 1,400 between November and December. This marks a change in the seasonal pattern replacing labor force growth and employment growth with declines. This pattern normally continues through March, when both will begin to increase again. While employment and labor force levels go through their annual period of decline, both remained above one year ago levels. The labor force is up 8,300, while employment is up 6,500 from last December.

Along with the decline in employment came a decline in the number of jobs in the region. Nonfarm wage and salary employment was down by 1,000 from November, primarily in the construction industry.



Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)	
December-2002				
Civilian Labor Force	235,900	3,074,800	142,542	
Employment	224,100	2,908,700	133,952	
Unemployment	11,900	166,100	8,590	
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.4%	6.0%	
November-2002 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	900	5,000	(191)	
Employment	100	(5,100)	(273)	
Unemployment	900	10,100	82	
Unemployment rate	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	
December-2001 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	6,000	73,700	228	
Employment	4,000	54,800	(103)	
Unemployment	2,000	18,900	331	
Unemployment rate	0.7%	0.5%	0.2%	

Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased 0.3 of a percentage point to 5.0 percent in December. Last year the rate for the area was 4.3 percent.

The nation's unemployment rate was unchanged from November at 6.0 percent. The rate for the State of Wisconsin remained

below the national rate. The state's rate rose 0.3 of a percentage point to 5.4 percent. To the north, the rate for the Green Bay MSA was 5.3 percent, up 0.3 of a percentage point.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

2001 MSA Wages by Occupation :

Wage information for the State's 11 metropolitan areas and the state of Wisconsin collected during 2002 on the previous years wages has just been completed and posted on the website. Data for 2002 will be collected during 2003.

50 largest employers (public sector and private sector) is available for each county in the state.

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates for the Wisconsin Fox Valley Counties

November-2002	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Region	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	233,500	57,200	11,100	26,900	12,200	340,900	3,053,900
Employed	223,800	54,900	10,500	25,700	11,500	326,400	2,915,100
Unemployed	9,700	2,200	600	1,200	600	14,400	138,800
Unemployment rate(%)	4.2%	3.9%	5.4%	4.6%	5.3%	4.2%	4.5%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	4.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.1%
Total, all industries**	209,000	49,800	7,800	21,500	6,200	288,100	2,867,500
Construction & Mining	13,800	3,500	600	1,000	300	18,800	130,800
Manufacturing	54,800	11,500	1,700	6,000	700	74,000	567,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	9,900	2,500	300	800	300	13,400	131,800
Wholesale Trade	9,300	1,800	100	900	400	12,200	135,700
Retail Trade	36,800	9,400	1,400	3,900	1,400	51,500	519,300
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	9,700	1,800	300	700	200	12,500	153,900
Services	49,600	13,200	2,100	4,200	1,400	69,100	795,100
Government	25,200	6,000	1,300	4,100	1,500	36,600	433,700
Change from previous month							
Civilian Labor Force*	1,000	-200	100	-400	300	700	200
Employed	400	-400	-100	-500	100	-500	-12,300
Unemployed	600	100	100	100	100	1,100	12,600
Unemployment rate(%)	0.3%	0.2%	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%	0.3%	0.4%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	0.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.2%
Total, all industries**	1,100	0	-100	-200	100	800	500
Construction & Mining	150	-80	-20	-30	0	30	-3,500
Manufacturing	-110	-90	10	-40	20	-230	-3,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	-80	-30	-30	0	0	-140	-900
Wholesale Trade	-50	-20	0	-10	90	-70	200
Retail Trade	880	120	-10	-90	-10	900	8,700
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	-40	0	10	0	0	-30	100
Services	-120	50	-70	-160	-60	-300	-7,600
Government	460	80	60	90	70	700	6,500
Change from year ago							
Civilian Labor Force*	4,700	1,400	200	400	600	7,300	59,600
Employed	4,000	1,400	300	600	500	6,700	54,000
Unemployed	700	0	0	-200	0	500	5,700
Unemployment rate(%)	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.6%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Seasonally Adj. rate(%)	0.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.2%
Total, all industries**	1,800	900	-70	170	200	2,800	24,200
Construction & Mining	1,960	290	30	60	30	2,350	3,000
Manufacturing	-2,500	-500	-120	-60	10	-3,200	-8,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	270	210	0	20	-20	500	-1,600
Wholesale Trade	110	10	-10	-20	80	90	-1,700
Retail Trade	-250	30	-20	-10	30	-240	3,000
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate	210	50	50	20	0	320	3,200
Services	1,350	560	-10	-10	60	1,880	20,400
Government	660	220	30	160	20	1,060	6,800

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted unless noted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers.

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